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STOCK/TRANSFER VESSEL FOR

SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE AND METHOD

OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor substrate stock/transfer vessel, which is an openable/closeable sealed vessel used in a semiconductor device manufacturing process and adapted to store or transfer a semiconductor substrate,